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SUBJECT: SENAT-GDR WATER CONSERVANCY TALKS

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT LETTER WHICH WE UNDERSTAND
WAS DISCUSSED IN BONN GROUP JULY 19, THAT SENAT WISHES
TO SEND IN RESPONSE TO GDR'S RENEWED REQUEST FOR THE
OPENING OF WATER CONSERVANCY TALKS AND ON WHICH ALLIED
VIEWS HAVE BEEN SOUGHT (REFTEL):

BEGIN TEXT:

"TO THE MINISTRY FOR ENVIRONMENT AND WATER CONSERVANCY

"STATE SECRETARY ROCHLITZER

"102 BERLIN (EAST)

"HANS-BEIMLER-STRASSE 70

"DEAR MR. STATE SECRETARY:

"I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 20, 1973.

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"WITH REFERENCE TO MY TELEX COMMUNICATION OF MAY 18,

1973 I DECLARE MYSELF AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO DISCUSS,
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR COMMUNICATION
CONFORMING TO (GEMAESS) PART II C, PARAGRAPH 3 TOGETHER
WITH ANNEX 3(1) OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF
SEPTEMBER 3, 1971, THE FOLLOWING WATER CONSERVANCY THEMES
OF A LOCAL NATURE WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO BOTH SIDES:

" -- DREDGING OF THE ESTUARY MOUTH AT NORDHAFEN;
-- DREDGING OF THE GRIEBNITZEE
-- REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BORDER WATERS (GRENZ-
GEWAESSERN) (FOR EXAMPLE, TEGLER FLIESS AND
BUSCHGRABEN)
-- MAINTENANCE OF RIVER EMBANKMENTS, DEEPENING OF
THE WATERBED AND REMOVAL OF SOIL FROM THOSE
PORTIONS ALONG THE TELTOW CANAL WHERE HALF THE
WIDTH LIES WITHIN THE WESTERN SECTORS; AND
-- MUTUAL EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ABOUT OIL
POLLUTION OF THE WATERWAYS.

" I HAVE ENTRUSTED REGIERUNGSDIREKTOR DR. MELSHEIMER
TO CARRY OUT THE DISCUSSIONS FORESEEN FOR JULY (BLANK).
I ASK YOU TO INFORM US WITHIN A SHORT TIME OF THE EXACT
TIME AND PLACE FOR THE MEETING. SINCERELY YOURS,
(S)(S) DR. RIEBSCHLAEGER"END TEXT.

2. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT CHANGE SUGGESTED PARA 6 REFTEL SHOULD
BE MADE TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS
ALLIES AND NOT FRG THAT CAN AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER QA.
WE ALSO BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO MODIFY PHRASE
"BORDER WATERS" THAT OCCURS IN DRAFT. EVEN THOUGH
AREAS REFERRED TO BY SENAT BORDER ON GDR RATHER THAN EAST BERLIN,
IT IS PROBABLY NOT DESIRABLE TO BEGIN TO USE GDR
TERMINOLOGY ON BOUNDARIES IN NEGOTIATION WHICH CAN EASILY
SWITCH TO OTHER AREAS BETWEEN WESTERN SECTORS AND EAST
BERLIN ITSELF. WE ALSO CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, AS DETAILED
REFTEL, THAT AUTHORIZATION TO SENAT TO SEND RIEBSCHLAEGER
LETTER SHOULD AWAIT DECISION ON WHETHER WE SHOULD
SEEK TO SET GUIDELINES ON GENERAL QUESTION OF SENAT'S
CARRYING OUT NEGOTIATIONS WITH GDR UNDER QA.BORG

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